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Swordfish Notes.

Yachtsmen report that schools of swordfish were seen disporting themselves recently not far from Chester, N. S. This ferocious looking inhabitant of the sea has a substantial commercial value, especially in the United States market. Upwards of a hundred cases, each containing a swordfish have been shipped to Boston within the last fortnight. An interesting contrast could be seen Wednesday at Boutilier's wharf, Halifax, on the deck of a newly arrived supply craft, one immense swordfish encumbering the whole deck space of the two-masted schooner. This monster with his vicious looking prongs weighed 500 pounds, and close by on the cuddy was a "baby" swordfish of 70 pounds. At Wilson's fish market, a swordfish, nearly 500 pounds in weight, was landed early Tuesday morning.

Washington Fish Products.

Fishing products of Washington state for the year ending December 31, 1908, amounted to \$3,513,240, representing a total of 117,711,600 pounds of fish and shellfish, according to the preliminary report of B. Dana Durand, director of the United States Census Bureau. The statistics are confined to the fishing industry and do not include wholesale fish dealers or canneries.

Fishermen employed numbered 4954, of which 2058 were independent and 2896 being wage earners. The vessels numbered 153, valued at \$1,153,987, outfit valued (bait, fuel, provisions, etc.) \$431,560; 2835 boats, \$384,839. Apparatus of capture, total value \$1,161,670, as follows: Dredges, tongs, etc., \$5230; 2221 gill nets, \$209,460; lines, \$45,110; 7755 crabpots, \$11,580; 635 pound nets, \$752,260; 349 seines, \$68,280; 43 wheels (fish), \$69,000. Miscellaneous apparatus \$750. Shore and accessory property, \$220,360. Cash capital, \$88,870.

Products: Black cod, 168,300 lbs., \$4880; cod, salted, 4,648,000 lbs., \$123,780; halibut, 30,071,500 lbs., \$1,235,760; herring, 2,206,000 lbs., \$18,680; perch, 660,500 lbs., \$14,700; rockfish, including snappers, 132,000 lbs., \$5160; salmon, blueback or sockeye, 12,500,900 lbs., \$513,120; salmon, chinook, 12,336,200 lbs., \$565,120; salmon, dog or chum, 13,355,500 lbs., \$117,560; salmon, silver, 14,080,100 lbs., \$254,610; salmon, steel-head, 2,338,900 lbs., \$122,860; smelt, 2,897,000 lbs., \$61,320; sole 190,000 lbs., \$3780; sturgeon, 184,800 lbs., \$6040; miscellaneous fish, 446,400 lbs., \$6590.

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**LIGHT RECEIPTS,
HIGH PRICES.****Features of Fresh Fish Market at T Wharf Today.**

T wharf winds up the week with high prices and very light receipts. Sch. Teazer, which has a fare of halibut, struck a hungry market and a fine advance. Swordfish are dropping in price as the supply is good now daily.

Haddock and cod, shore live goods, brought \$5 right through and sch. Teazer got out a few off shore cod at \$2.25.

There were but four vessels at the wharf this morning and 17,000 pounds covered all the shore fish in sight.

T wharf wholesale dealers were made happy yesterday morning by a consignment of small mackerel, and by news from Ipswich that small mackerel had appeared there and were being taken with hook and line. For several days now the dealers have had no fresh-caught mackerel for their customers, and those who handled any had to draw on their reserve in the freezer. Yesterday morning 20 barrels of the small mackerel came over the road to market.

The arrivals at Boston with groundfish for the week ending yesterday numbered 67, with 1,913,000 pounds, against 69 arrivals with 216,830 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

Capt. Frank Watts, formerly of sch. Seaconnet is to have a new vessel built for him. The contract will be awarded in a few days.

Capt. Thomas Somers will command sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., in the cod shack fishing.

The receipts in detail this morning are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Maxwell, 3500 cod, 6000 pollock. Sch. Emerald, 5000 haddock, 600 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Teazer, 8000 fresh cod, 20,000 salt cod, 20,000 cusk, 10,000 halibut.

Sch. Angie B. Watson, 22 swordfish.

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Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 28 swordfish.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 9000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 2000 cusk, 2000 pollock, 9 swordfish.

Haddock, \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.25 to \$5; market cod, \$5; pollock, \$2; hake, \$1.50; swordfish 11 cts. per lb.; halibut 12 cts for white and 10 cts for gray.

Nova Scotia Fish Movements.

Digby—Hake plenty; cod and haddock fair; herring scarce.

Liverpool—Cod, haddock and herring fair.

Lunenburg—Cod fair; bankers Virginia and Mattawa in with 1600 and 1700 quintals respectively.

Salmon River—Cod fair.

Isaac's Harbor—Few cod and herring.

Queensport—Haddock fair; cod, hake and herring scarce.

West Arichat—Herring fair.

Port Hood—Cod, haddock and hake fair.

Georgetown—Herring plenty; cod and hake fair.

Miminegash—Herring fair; cod and hake scarce.

Grand Manan, North Channel—Hake very plenty.

Grand Manan, Seal Cove—Herring reported in nets.

Port Daniel—Cod and squid fair.

Ste. Adelaide de Pabos—Cod fair; herring scarce.

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**SOLD COD AT
MARKET PRICE.****Three Provincetown Vessels
Brought Fares to This Port.**

Arrivals here today are light, very light indeed, one drift fisherman with salt cod and three market boats down from Boston with fresh fish to split being all there was up to this forenoon.

The drifter, sch. Gertrude, has 40,000 pounds of salt cod and the market boats, Mary Edith, Edith Silveira and Sadie M. Nunan, about 50,000 pounds each.

The fares of dory handline cod of the Provincetown schooners Monitor, Gladstone and Lottie Brynes brought the going market price, \$3.25 for large and \$3 for mediums, the two former trips going to Cunningham & Thompson and the latter to the Gloucester Salt Fish Co.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Gertrude, Rips, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Edith Silveira, via Boston, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Georgiana, haddocking.

Sch. Claudia, deck handlining.

Sch. Harvard, deck handlining.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, deck handlining.

Sch. Arthur James, seining.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

Sch. Reliance, shore.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, haddocking.

Sch. Monitor, halibuting.

Sch. Aspinet, haddocking.

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Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.

Outside sales fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c. and 67 1-2c.

Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.70; mediums, \$1.50.

Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.

Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Outside sales of round pollock, 60c. per cwt.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Salt bullseyes, \$9 per bbl.

Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed \$27.50 per bbl.

Small salt mackerel \$16.25 to \$18.00 per barrel.

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Board of Trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75, medium \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.15.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.00 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00, snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting price for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.65 for large

\$1.20 for medium, and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock 65 cts.; hake 65 cts, pollock 60 cts.

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**GOOD FISHING
LATER IN SEASON**

**Fishermen Say Mackerel
Were Late in Spawning
in North Bay.**

**Fish Caught in Ipswich
Bay the Only Supply
at Present.**

All the fresh mackerel in sight are those that the dories and gasoline boats are catching daily out in Ipswich bay. Very few of these are sold to the dealers, as most of those out catching them are just for the sport of it and use their catches for their own table and to give to their friends. Nothing has been heard of late from the shore seining fleet, but it is supposed that the vessels are still operating around the Rips, off Sankaty Head, in South Channel and on Georges.

Quite a number have gone to North Bay, from whence the reports to date are not very encouraging, although a good body of fish, not schooling, are reported on Bank Bradele, and as the fish were late in spawning, the old fishermen think there will be good fishing later. The hauls made last year, when several of the seining fleet did well down there, were made after this date.

The following table gives the catch of salt and fresh mackerel to date this season and to date for the past five years:

	Salt Mackerel Bbls.	Fresh Mackerel Bbls.
1909	15,401	45,558
1908	18,876	46,084
1907	27,434	50,470
1906	7,969	32,018
1905	28,020	54,997
1904	26,970	46,127

The following table gives the imports of salt and fresh mackerel at Boston to date this year and to date for the past five years:

	Salt Mackerel Bbls.	Fresh Mackerel Bbls.
1909	6,604	6,396
1908	16,471	6,655
1907	6,777	4,984
1906	14,497	14,982
1905	9,211	6,890
1904	3,944	4,598

Latest From the North Bay Fleet.

A special to the Times from its correspondent at Souris, P. E. I., reports that the American mackerel fishing crafts which have thus far made that port this season are schs. J. M. Keen, Mertis H. Perry, Indiana, Diana, Blanche F. Irving, Veda M. McKown, Ralph L. Hall and Clintonia, the three latter arriving last week.

The fish commission sch. Grampus was also at Souris last week.

The first American seiners in North bay last year were at Souris, August 27 and good catches were made soon after.

This year mackerel spawned later than usual and all fish taken thus far have been secured by throwing bait and setting seines around the vessels. There appears to be fish all over the bay but thus far none have been reported schooling.

Sch. Indiana has 20 barrels and schs. Diana, Mertis H. Perry and John M. Keen have taken a few fish. The fish are of good quality and go about 120 count to the salted barrel.

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Sch. Mertis H. Perry, which grounded recently, lost an anchor, so the accident was probably caused by parting her cable.

Schs. John M. Keen, Mertis H. Perry and Blanche F. Irving have taken out licenses.

Most of the fish taken thus far have been caught on Bank Bradle, with one lot from the Magdalen islands.

Fair catches with hook and line are reported at Port Hood and Magdalen islands and old fishermen predict "good doings" in North Bay this fall.

There is considerable adverse comment heard here on the fact that the United States government makes no provision for sick fishermen at Souris and the fact that the sub-consul has been removed from there causes a good deal of inconvenience.

It is understood that the Grampus is to sail immediately for Bay of Islands, N. F., to meet and take on board some government officials for an official trip in the vicinity.

Many Mackerel Taken on Jigs in Ipswich Bay.

Ipswich bay was alive with boats Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday quite a number of catches were made around the 100 mark, but yesterday morning they did poorly and one or two or half dozen to a boat was about the average. The fish were reported farther off shore and to be bunched up in little pods of a half barrel or so and showing well. In the afternoon the boats did better and some nice messes were taken.

SEINERS DESTROY MACKEREL.
Pulp Mills Not To Blame, Says Maine Commissioner.

The theory advanced by fishermen that the pulp mills along the rivers that empty into the Atlantic ocean off the coast of Maine, are the cause of the disappearance of the big schools of mackerel from the Maine waters, is scoffed at by Commissioner of the Sea and Shore Fisheries James Donahue of Rockland. It has been claimed by fishermen that the vast amount of chemicals coming down the rivers from the many pulp mills has driven the mackerel off shore, but Mr. Donahue says he does not believe that the chemicals have the slightest effect on the fish. In his opinion, he says the real cause of the disappearance of the mackerel is that the seiners who catch fish in spawn are entirely to blame for the scarcity of mackerel. "If a law was passed which would not allow the fishermen to catch the mackerel in spawn," said he, "it would be only a few years when mackerel would be just as plentiful along the coast of Maine as they were 10 years ago. The fishermen do not seem to realize that they are injuring their own business by catching these fish. It is a fact that many fish concerns have been ruined or forced to the wall by sending out mackerel seiners. The fishermen also catch seed lobsters, and in this way destroy thousands of lobsters yearly. It is a hard proposition, and the United States officers are forced to fight fishermen for the fishermen's own good."

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FISHING FOR SHARKS.

Large Specimens Caught on Lines Along the Mexican Coast.

The shark fishing season is on in the Gulf of Mexico now and furnishes quite a pastime for those addicted to such dangerous sports. The sharks seem to be bolder than usual, very large ones coming into the bay, while generally they keep out toward the entrance.

Recently quite a large one was caught from one of the piers. It measured over two meters in length and caused quite an exciting battle before the fishermen got the second harpoon into it. Another and a much larger one was caught by some fishermen in a boat. It was only subdued after a hard struggle and finally towed alongside the sea wall and hoisted out with a derrick. The animal was near three meters long and was still alive after being hoisted out onto the dock and it slashed around at a lively rate, causing the crowd that had gathered to see it to scatter in all directions to avoid its enormous tail. After being killed the animal's liver was removed and it measured more than three feet in length. This furnishes a very fine transparent oil that is used for many purposes.

Only a short time ago Capt. Washburn of the Ward Line's tug Neptune caught one of these monsters and came very near losing out with him, as the fingers of both hands were so badly burned by the line which held the shark that he was laid up for several days with bandaged hands.

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HALIBUT SALES AT PORTLAND.

Sch. Selma Reported Sold and Sch. Kineo Will Bring Fare Here.

Two of the local halibut fleet are at Portland this morning and both are reported to have fine fares. The lucky craft are schs. Kineo, Capt. John G. Stream and Selma, Capt. Charles Colson.

Portland advices by telephone state that the crafts have 70,000 pounds or more of fresh halibut between them, while other reports give sch. Kineo between 25,000 and 30,000 pounds and sch. Selma between 30,000 and 40,000 pounds. It is evident that each craft has a fine fare and at the present high prices are in for good stocks.

Sch. Kineo is on the way here to market her fare, having sold to the American Halibut Company at 13 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray. Sch. Selma is reported to have sold at Portland for 12 cents per pound for white and 8½ cents for gray.

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Wharf Notes.

Boat Mildred brought in yesterday 200 mackerel Boat Evelyn 80, and a Pigeon Cove boat 100. They were taken on lines in Ipswich bay. The Jessie P. brought in Saturday about 1000 taken by seine.

Motor boat Lydia brought in a swordfish weighing 180 pounds yesterday.

Sch. J. F. McMorro had a tussle with a swordfish which she ironed at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon and worked on the fish until 12 o'clock trying to land it only to lose it.

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Landed Sunfish.

A big sunfish that would weigh between 200 and 300 pounds was brought at T wharf Friday morning on one of the Italian fishing boats. The fish drew quite a crowd of sightseers, most of whom had never seen a fish of the kind before. The sunfish is somewhat tough, but when cooked according to the recipe of the Italian cooks makes good eating.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Gossip of this port, Capt. McCoish, was at North Sydney, C. B., Friday for ice and supplies with 200,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton, was at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday, with 300,000 pounds of salt cod on board. The craft is owned by Cunningham & Thompson of this port and must have struck big fishing, as she has been out but seven weeks.

Sch. Norman Fisher, Capt. Williams, of this port, was at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday with 50,000 pounds of salt cod on board.

Sch. Preceptor cleared from Canso, N. S., Friday.

Latest Newfoundland Fisheries Intelligence.

Burgeo—Codfishery fair for small boats, squid uncertain, dogfish numerous.

Lapolle—Cod and bait plentiful. Fortune—No boats out, fishing boat Carmane arrived from coast fishing with 45 quintals of codfish.

Herring Neck—Boats one to two quintals yesterday, squid again scarce.

Moreton's Harbor—Two schooners arrived from French Shore yesterday, one with 450 quintals, the other with 200 quintals.

Harbor Grace—Squid plentiful, boats hook and line two to three quintals, traps nil.

Boone Bay—Very good catches of cod, plenty squid.

Nipper's Harbor—Fishery promises to be as good this fall as most years, squid plentiful.

Pilley's Island—Boats doing fairly at Trinton with codfish.

Carbonear—Traps being taken up, hook and line very small catch.

St. Mary's—Codfish and bait scarce.

Old Perlican—Plenty squid, good sign of cod to hook.

Bay de Verde—One to two quintals of cod with hook and line, squid scarce, traps all taken up.

Hant's Harbor—Codfish and squid plentiful.

Trinity—Improvement all round in hook and line fishery; herring and squid fairly plentiful.

Heart's Content—Some codfish with hook and line, squid plentiful.

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FISH RECEIPTS AT THIS PORT.

Sch. A. D. Story Had Trouble With Her Water Butts.

Fish receipts at this port today are not large or varied. Sch. Teazer is here from Boston, where she took out her halibut, with some salt cod and fresh cusk, and sch. James and Esther has a small salt Rips cod trip. Schs. Gladiator and Arcadia of the mackerel seining fleet are home with small lots of salt mackerel.

Sch. John J. Fallon, the big Boston knockabout, is in at this port from Western bank with 100,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly cod, and the gasoline boat Bessie A. has a load of bluebacks for the freezer. Sch. Arthur D. Story, one of the Georges handliners, is in this morning with a good trip, 35,000 pounds of salt cod. The vessel is last from Western bank and reports squid striking on solid at the last of her fishing, but unfortunately she had some trouble with her water butts, which left her short of this necessity, and she was obliged to leave the good prospects and come home.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Teazer, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Gladiator, Rips, 5 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Arcadia, Rips, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. John J. Fallon, Western bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. James and Esther, Rips, 37,000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 80 bbls. bluebacks.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Flavilla, haddocking.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, haddocking.
Sch. Olympia, Rips.
Sch. Hortense, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Susan and Mary, shacking.
Sch. Frances J. O'Hara, shacking.
Sch. Saladin, seining.
Sch. Raymah, shacking.
Sch. Titania, deck handlining.
Sch. Jubilee, Rips.
Sch. Pythian, Rips.

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BANNER TRIPS AT T WHARF.

Two Market Vessels Took 100,000 Lbs. in Three Days.

Striking the biggest kind of fishing on the northeast part of Georges, getting 100,000 pound trips in practically three days fishing, with the fish coming so solid that on the last day only the big fish were saved, schs. Mary E. Cooney and Maud F. Silva of the market fishing fleet reached T wharf, Boston, Saturday night, only a week out from port.

The fish taken were nearly all codfish, with a sprinkling of haddock and cusk. The vessels baited at Provincetown and went out from there. Had they run all their trawls and saved every fish, they actually could not have taken care of them in the three days time and their trips would have been in the vicinity of 150,000 pounds. As it is they are in for the stocks, for they will get out quite a lot at T wharf and the splitting prices on cod are good.

In all there are 28 trips at T wharf this morning, with the dealers paying from \$2 to \$2.50 for new haddock and some large cod bringing from \$2.50 to \$3. Swordfish are in very light receipt, but the price did not go up as expected and remains in the vicinity of 10 to 12 cents per pound. In the three trips there today are only 40 fish.

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Several others of the groundfish fleet have good fares, among them schs. Mary A. Whalen, 51,000 pounds, Olive F. Hutchins, 42,000 pounds, Teresa and Alice, 40,000 pounds, Matiana, 41,000 pounds, Flora J. Sears, 65,000 pounds. The steam trawler Spray has 44,000 pounds.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, 20,000 haddock, 70,000 cod, 10,000 cusk.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 15,000 haddock, 75,000 cod.
Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Mattakesett, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 2000 cusk, 2 swordfish.
Sch. Appomattox, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Buema, 25,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 30,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Athena, 18,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton.
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2000 cod, 4000 pollock, 1 swordfish.
Sch. Eva Ayina, 2000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Emily Sears, 5000 cod, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 1500 haddock, 14,000 cod, 8000 hake, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Leo, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Diana, 2500 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 12,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 15,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.
Sch. William A. Morse, 12,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 17,000 pollock.
Sch. Matiana, 35,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 15,000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 10,000 pollock, 1 swordfish.
Steamer Spray, 38,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Laura Enos, 1500 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Washakie, 10,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Quonnapowit, 15,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.
Sch. Priscilla, 11 swordfish.
Sch. Lochinvar, 9 swordfish.
Sch. Jennie Gilbert, 20 swordfish.
Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$2; pollock, \$1.30 to \$1.50; swordfish 10 to 12 1-2 cts.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.
Outside sales fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c. and 67 1-2c.
Outside sales fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.70; mediums, \$1.50.
Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.
Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.
Outside sales of round pollock, 60c. per cwt.
Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white, and 10c for gray.
Salt bullseyes, \$9 per bbl.
Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed \$27.50 per bbl.
Small salt mackerel \$16.25 to \$18.00 per barrel.
Board of Trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large \$3.75, medium \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.15.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.00 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00, snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting price for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.65 for large \$1.20 for medium, and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock 65 cts.; hake 65 cts. pollock 60 cts.

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Mackerel Receipts.

Yesterday was not a very good fishing day on account of the wind. On Sunday six barrels containing 1330 mackerel were brought into Lanesville, and were sent by express to Boston on Monday by Capt. James W. Marchant. Sch. Jessie P. caught over 900 and over 300 were caught by sch. Seud.

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NO MACKEREL REPORTED SOUTH.

North Bay Fleet Will Number 24 Vessels From This Port.

Small Fleet Is Now Operating on the Shore.

The first mackerel fare for some time arrived here this morning when sch. Pinta came in with 16 barrels of salt bullseyes which sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company at \$9 per barrel. Capt. McLean reports a dry look to the southward at present, practically no fish showing. Capt. McLean will now fit for a North Bay trip.

Capt. Wallace Parsons has gone out under command of sch. Saladin on a seining trip.

The North Bay fleet as at present made up and contemplated will comprise at least 24 sail and later several more may be added, especially if there appears to be a good prospect of fish. The crafts that have gone or are going are schs. Ralph L. Hall, Veda M. McKown, Annie Greenlaw, Blanche F. Irving, Mertis H. Perry, Indiana, John M. Keen, Diana, Victor, Clintonia, Gladiator, Judique, Marguerite Haskins, Priscilla Smith, Pinta, Constellation, Electric Flash, Patrician, George Parker, Emily Cooney, Squanto and Arthur James. Sch. Saladin, now on a shore trip will go well down the Cape Shore and may go to the bay later.

The shore fleet at present numbers about 18 sail and when some of this fleet which is intending to go to the bay, comes in and fits out the number will be still less.

The Halifax steamer at Boston yesterday had 18 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Fish Dealers Enthusiasts in Jigging Mackerel.

Some of the most enthusiastic of the fishermen in this Ipswich bay fleet are our fish dealers, and several of them have been out and tried their luck. Some did well, others not so well and others poorly, indeed, but they all enjoyed their trips. In consequence of all this, the Board of Trade rooms for

Schs. Oriole, Georgia and Mary E. Harty harbored at Provincetown on Sunday.

the past three or four mornings has been the scene of serious and animated discussions as to the relative merits of clam or blueback bait or whether it was not better to mix them. Some wanted it ground fine and others thought it worked better coarse. Some spoke up for fly hooks while others stuck out for the regulation jig.

There has been a good deal of joking about the "lays" they went on and where they should "fit out." One good natured fellow who was known to have some prime (?) salted clams, at least three years old, has been kept busy filling the wants of his business associates and at the rate of a bucket at a lick has made perceptible inroads on his supply.

His idea of mixing the clams with nice new bluebacks both well ground, has been the one generally accepted and worked well, except in one notable instance where the other heads of the big concern in which he is a large factor went out prepared to make a record and came back disappointed. They had a big launch, equipped with all the comforts, and the first thing when they got on the fishing grounds, one threw out his line and immediately pulled it in with a mackerel on it.

They made a record all right, for in all the hours they stayed out and fished and fished diligently, that was the only thing that looked like a mackerel that they caught.

Another well known mackerel buyer, with a penchant for rimmed fish, is not saying much about his trip. He got none.

Among the successful Board of Trade fishermen might be mentioned Capt. Carl C. Young, Fred Bradley and D. Parkhurst Gale, and they have been kept busy giving tips to some of the others "how to do it" and supplying their friends with fine messes of most toothsome fish.

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GARDNER WANTS CONFERENCE.

Would Discuss Newfoundland Fishery Regulations.

President Thomas J. Carroll of the Gloucester Board of Trade has received the following communication from Congressman A. P. Gardner:

Hamilton, Mass., Aug. 27, 1909.

The Gloucester Board of Trade, Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—Will you kindly appoint a committee to discuss with me in the near future the question of obedience to the Newfoundland fishery regulations, pending a decision of the Hague Tribunal. Certain of these regulations are not covered by implication or otherwise in the existing *modus vivendi*; for instance, the regulations under which the masters of the *Arethusa*, the *Athlete* and the *Harry A. Nickerson*, were arrested in 1908.

Very truly yours,

A. P. GARDNER.

In compliance with the above communication, President Carroll has appointed Benjamin A. Smith, William H. Jordan, Frank C. Pearce, Capt. Carl C. Young and Thomas J. Carroll as the committee.

Congressman A. P. Gardner has been notified of the appointment of the committee, and the time and place for the conference has been left to suit his convenience.

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Man-Eating Shark.

A huge man-eating shark was brought into T wharf, Boston, yesterday by the power boat No. 83, and after it had been cleaned it was sold for a fancy price to one of the Atlantic avenue dealers. While trawling on the Middle Bank, the hungry fish spied the tempting bait and seized it, the hook lodging in its throat. It was hauled to the surface, fighting with all its strength to escape, but the crew beat it to death with clubs.

Making Quick Trips.

Sch. Athena, Capt. Edward Forbes, which arrived at T wharf yesterday has made a series of quick trips. This is the fifth time the Athena has been at Boston since the beginning of the month. Her four trips gave each of her crew a share of \$132, and the men expect that the fifth trip will sell for enough to give them at least \$20, which will bring their earnings for the month up to a little more than \$150.

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STEAMER RAN INTO WHALE.

The steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse arrived yesterday at Plymouth, England from New York. While off the banks of Newfoundland she ran into a 70-foot whale that evidently was asleep on the surface of the water. The whale became impaled on the liner's bows, and all its efforts to free itself were futile. Finally the steamer had to go full speed astern in order to get clear of the dying leviathan.

FRENCH FISHERMEN PICKED UP.

The two men lost in the fog off the Grand Banks recently from the French fishing sch. Augustine were picked up by the Belgian tank steamer *Iris*, bound to Florida.

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Good Tautog Fishing.

Esquire Batchelder, John Cooney, Charles Grey and Arthur Wendell visited Thacher's Island Sunday to try their luck at tautog fishing and good luck they had, taking a string of 31 beauties, one weighing about eight pounds. This is high line thus far for the season.

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New Halibut Company.

Among the new firms recently incorporated is the Atlantic Halibut Company of Boston. The concern is incorporated for \$10,000 and David I. Robinson of this city is president and Harry L. Belden of Brookline, formerly of this city, treasurer and clerk. It is understood that Gardner Poole of this city is also interested in the concern which will handle consignments of eastern and western halibut extensively, as well as handling other kinds of fish.